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URBAN RATE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

To establish urban rates for 2018, the applicant is using a rate “no higher than the highest tariffed or publicly available rate charged to a commercial customer for a functionally similar service in any city with a population of 50,000 or more in that state, calculated as if it were provided between two points within the city.” 47 C.F.R. § 54.605(a).

The Federal Communications Commission in January 2018 explained that urban rate documentation may include “tariff pages, contracts, signed letters on a service provider’s letterhead, rate pricing information from a service provider’s website, or similar documentation showing how the urban rate was obtained, and the date on the urban rate documentation should indicate that the rate is provided in the current funding year.”

Consistent with the Commission’s statement, please see attached documentation of the urban rate. The rate is publicly available to any retail consumer who requests service through either of the following contact methods: Enterprise Sales phone number (1-877-328-9442), or businesssolutions@lumosnet.com.

- These rates are for one channel termination of an ethernet point-to-point transport service. As this filing is for only 1 channel termination, the listed price indicates the comparable urban rate.
 - Urban rate MRC: **\$184**

Out of an abundance of caution, and due to continuously changing guidance on which documentary evidence USAC will deem acceptable, the applicant is also providing a second document with another urban rate. Applicants should be able to provide an urban rate that is “no higher” than the “highest tariffed or publicly available rate,” as the FCC’s rule above details. The statute makes clear that the Rural Health Care program’s purpose is to ensure that healthcare providers in rural areas pay rates that are comparable to rates paid by their urban counterparts for similar services. This rate is higher, and thus not in line with the principles of that program. As such, the applicant should not be required to pay rates higher than those available to its urban counterparts.

- The rates in the attached tariff are publicly available in a city in the same state as the health care provider.
- To calculate the urban rate of \$, add the following rate elements:
Urban Rate: \$960